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In re Patent No. 6,873,358	:	
Issue Date: March 29, 2005	:	
Application No. 09/331,008	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 8, 1999	:	

This is a decision on the petition to reinstate an expired patent under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed April 29, 2009.

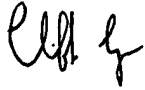
The petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified patent issued March 29, 2005. Accordingly, the first maintenance fee could have been paid during the period from March 29, 2008 through September 29, 2008 without surcharge, or with a late payment surcharge during the period from September 30, 2008 through March 29, 2009. No maintenance fee having been received, the patent expired on March 30, 2009.

Since the instant petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c). The maintenance fee in this case is accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

The \$1,640 petition surcharge and the \$980 maintenance fee have been charged to Deposit Account No. 12-1095, as authorized.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cliff Congo', is positioned above the typed name.

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